

I CLAIM:

1 1. An opener to facilitate the removal of a threaded lid
2 from the top of a jar, said jar having an open mouth surrounded
3 by a thread, said opener comprising a body have an arcuate C-
4 shape with an inner peripheral sidewall an outer peripheral
5 sidewall, an upper edge and a lower edge, said body terminating
6 at two ends separated by a gap, said body being made of a stiffly
7 flexible self-shape retaining substance whereby said body can be
8 spread conveniently to receive a lid, and gripped to press
9 against the lid while being twisted to remove the lid from the
10 jar.

1 2. An opener according to claim 1 in which said outer
2 peripheral sidewall is formed with serrations to improve its grip
3 characteristics for the hand of a user.

1 3. An opener according to claim 1 in which said inner
2 sidewall includes a pair of portions of different diameter
3 whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so
4 proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the
5 downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is
6 prevented from contacting said jar.

1 4. An opener according to claim 1 in which a stop extends
2 around the inside of the said upper edge to prevent a lid from
3 passing entirely through said body.

1 5. An opener according to claim 1 in which an abutment
2 interconnects said ends of said body, bridging said gap, said
3 abutment projecting beyond said outer sidewall whereby to be
4 contactible by the thumb or a finger of a user, said abutment
5 being unitary with said body, flexible and self-shape retaining.

1 6. An opener according to claim 5 in which said abutment
2 includes a pair of arms and a bight, said arms being connected to
3 a respective end and to the bight.

1 7. An opener according to claim 5 in which said inner
2 sidewall includes a pair of portions of different diameter
3 whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so
4 proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the
5 downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is
6 prevented from contacting said jar.

1 8. An opener according to claim 7 in which said outer
2 peripheral sidewall is formed with serrations to improve its grip
3 characteristics for the hand of a user.

1 9. An opener according to claim 7 in which said abutment
2 includes a pair of arms and a bight, said arms being connected to
3 a respective end and to the bight.

1 10. An opener to facilitate the removal of a threaded lid
2 from the top of a jar, said jar having an open mouth surrounded
3 by a thread, said opener comprising a circular body with an inner
4 peripheral sidewall, an outer peripheral sidewall, an upper edge
5 and a lower edge, said body being made of a stiffly flexible
6 self-shape retaining substance whereby said body can be spread
7 conveniently to receive a lid, and gripped to press against the
8 lid while being twisted to remove the lid from the jar, said
9 inner sidewall including a pair of portions of different diameter
10 whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so
11 proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the
12 downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is
13 prevented from contacting said jar.